

Woodin Clamps Fresh Curb on Hard Coal Sale

Purchase of Pea and Grate
Sizes Also Limited to a
Month's Supply Under
New Ruling of Fuel Chief

Surplus Stocks Dwindle

Landlord, Failing to Get
Quota, Seeks to Bring Of-
ficial and Staff to Court

The dwindling supply of anthracite forced William H. Woodin, State Fuel Administrator, to announce yesterday further drastic restrictions on the sale of hard coal. Two additional sizes, pea and grate, have been placed on the list of those grades of which the sale is limited to a month's supply.

This amendment to general order No. 2 of the fuel administration may be followed by a like restriction on the sale of steam size anthracite, so the surplus stocks of these grades have been absorbed since the issuance of the order requiring the purchase of 25 per cent substitutes with each order for domestic size coal.

Supply drops to 30,000 tons. When the order was issued on Friday there were almost 50,000 tons of steam size anthracite at the Jersey railroad terminals awaiting buyers. The substitute order became operative yesterday and the surplus stock of steam size dropped to a little more than 30,000 tons.

Dealers are also reported to have bought up a considerable quantity of the soft coal which has been received here in large quantities and which, like the steam-size anthracite, had not been readily salable until the fuel administrator's order was announced. Like the consumers, who come within the

order, the dealers are now required to buy 25 per cent of substitutes with each order for domestic size hard coal. Although figures on receipts of coal have shown a small surplus tonnage of pea coal at the terminals, it was explained at the fuel administration that this surplus did not really exist. The coal so reported, it was said, was merely being held for the arrival of barges or ships or the making up of a full consignment for the dealer who had bought it.

Output Will Be Increased

The anthracite output at the mines should be increased by between 12,000 and 15,000 tons a day as a result of the decision of the United States Supreme Court announced yesterday declaring unconstitutional the Kohler mine cave law in Pennsylvania. More than 5,000 miners have been idle in and around Scranton since September, because mine galleries running under houses could not be worked under the Kohler law. The act was passed to lessen the danger from cave-ins, due to mining operations under the city.

If Congressman-elect Loring M. Black makes good his threat, Mr. Woodin and his staff will have to appear before Magistrate Folwell in Brooklyn to tell what they know about the coal shortage. Mr. Black was in court yesterday as counsel for a Brooklyn landlord who had been summoned by tenants for failure to provide heat and hot water. He said his client had been able to obtain only one ton of coal for his eight-family apartment house, and asked for subpoenas for the fuel administration staff.

Armour Ruling Due To-day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The government's decision on the proposal of Armour & Co. to purchase the physical assets and property of one of its competitors, Morris & Co., another of the Chicago "big five" packing establishments, is expected to be made known to-morrow by Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Wallace held what was said to be a final conference on the question late today with F. Edson White, vice-president of Armour & Co., and Charles J. Faulkner, general counsel of the company.

Senate Seeks to Learn Status

Of Arms Conference Treaties
From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Senate

to-day adopted a resolution, introduced by Senator Hitchcock, calling on the State Department for detailed information as to the status of the treaties growing out of the Washington conference on the limitation of armaments.

Senator Hitchcock is expected to discuss this subject later. He pointed out that about a year had passed since the conference was held and there was much confusion as to what had been done with respect to the six treaties and one declaration growing out of the conference.



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